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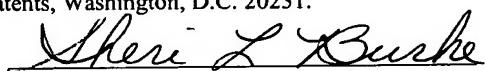
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1. ZENG, Changchun et al., Poly(methyl methacrylate) and Polystyrene/Clay Nanocomposites Prepared by In-Situ Polymerization, Macromolecules 2001, 34, 4098-4103 (05/03/2001).

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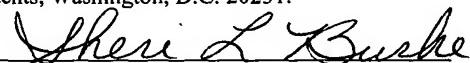
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